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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED TALKING POINTS BASED ON REFTEL TO T.
KEVEN, ACTING DIRECTOR, UN ECONOMIC AGENCIES SECTION, DFA, WHO
MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. ON U.S. RATIFICATION: THE GOA IS PLEASED THAT THE U.S.
IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO RATIFY IN CONCERT WITH MAJOR OECD AND
OPEC DONORS. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN
RATIFICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND FORMAL
APPROVAL BY EC EXPECTED WITHIN WEEK OR SO. AS FORMAL
LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUIRED FOR RATIFICATION, DFA HAS REQUESTED
THAT MATTER BE CONSIDERED IN AUTUMN SESSION OF PARLIAMENT (NOW
IN PROGRESS) AND HAS REQUESTED PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL'S OFFICE TO
BEGIN DRAFTING THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION. KEVEN SAID THAT WHILE
HE HOPES AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE PASSED RATIFICATION LEGISLATION

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IN TIME TO TAKE PART IN FORMAL RATIFICATION IN CONCERT WITH
U.S. AND OTHER OECD MEMBERS, THERE COULD ALWAYS BE UNFORESEEN
DELAYS AND THAT OUR TALKING PAPER MIGHT SERVE AS USEFUL WEAPON
TO BE USED TO PROVIDE "SENSE OF URGENCY" IF PARLIAMENTARY
ACTION SHOULD BECOME BOGGED DOWN.

B. ON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: GOA IS PLEASED THAT USG IS

SUPPORTING AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY, AND FULLY CONCURS.

C. ON VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: GOA WELCOMES IDEA THAT USG WILL OFFICIALLY PROPOSE A VP CANDIDATE AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO REVELATION OF CANDIDATE NAME.

D. ON QUESTION OF SITE: KEVEN SAID THAT DFA HAS JUST BEEN CALED ON BY FRG ECONOMIC COUNSELOR HEINRICH, ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, WHO URGED GOA TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT MARCH 17 DAC MEETING IN ROME TO PRESS FOR JOINT COORDINATED APPEAL TO LDC'S BY ALL DAC MEMBERS FOR PRINCIPLE OF SECRET BALLOT. FRG HAS APPARENTLY BEEN MAKING SAME APPROACH TO MOST OTHER DAC MEMBERS. KEVEN SAID GOA OF OPINION THAT MOVE SUCH AS PROPOSED BY FRG WOULD BE TACTICALLY BAD AS IT WOULD TOO BLATANTLY PUSH SECRET BALLOT ISSUE AND WOULD BE SEEN BY LDC'S AS IN EFFECT SAYING: "LOOK, WE DON'T TRUST YOU TO VOTE THE WAY YOU REALLY WANT TO WITHOUT A SECRET BALLOT." GOA DOES NOT THINK THIS APPROACH WOULD GO DWON WELL WITH LDC'S. INSTEAD, GOA HAS INSTRUCTED ITS REP TO ROME MEETING, AND IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH LDC'S TO TAKE FOLLOWING LINE: THAT GOA SEES MANY TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL REASONS TO FAVOR ROME AND WILL THUS VOTE FOR IT AS PERMANENT SITE. HOWEVER, REP IS FURTHER INSTRUCTED TO SAY THAT IN FACE OF EXPECTED STRONG LDC SUPPORT FOR TEHRAN, AUSTRALIA WILL " NOT RPT NOT SEEK TO STAND IN THE WAY." AFTER THUS HOPEFULLY HAVING PULLED SOME OF THE STING FROM THE ISSUE, AUSTRALIAN REP THEN INSTRUCTED TO PUSH HARD FOR SECRET BALLOT.

E. KEVEN SAID THAT WHILE U.S. APPROACH DIFFERED TACTICALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM THAT OF GOA, HE SAW NO BASIC QUARREL WITH OUR PROPOSAL. HE WONDERED, HOWEVER, IF U.S. WOULD BE ABLE TO PERSUADE ITALIANS TO WITHDRAW THEIR PUSH FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION ON ROME AS PERMANENT SITE, OR THE LDC'S TO AGREE TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL'S DEFERRAL OF A DECISION UNTIL THE TIME OF THE FUND'S FIRST REPLENISHMENT.

F. ALSO ON THE SITE ISSUE, KEVEN SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT FAO DG HAD BEEN MAKING STRONG CASE FOR ROME IN EXTENSIVE LOBBYING EFFORT AMONG LDC'S. PERCIVAL

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